

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING THE

RESULT OF ASSAYS MADE AT THE

Mint of the United States,

Of the several species of Foreign Coins, current, by law, in the U. States.

DECEMBER 24, 1822.

Read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

December 23, 1822.

SIR: In pursuance of the act, entitled "An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Spain, and Portugal, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces," passed the 29th day of April, 1816, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a report of the Director of the Mint, giving the result of sundry assays made in pursuance of instructions from this Department.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. H. CRAWFORD.

The Hon. the SPEAKER OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MINT OF UNITED STATES,

December 18, 1822.

SIR: Agreeably to your general instructions, I have caused assays to be made of the several species of foreign coins still current, by law, in the United States.

The assayer's report is as follows:

		oz.	dwt.	gr.	
No. 1, made of equal parts of five crowns of France	10	18	6	fine in 12 oz.	
2, of five franc pieces	10	16	6	do	
3, of five Spanish dollars	10	16	0	do	

The above assays were made from coins of the latest dates that could be procured, and corresponding so nearly in quality with those assayed on former occasions, it may be safely presumed that no alterations have taken place in the quality of these coins. From the above assay, their value, per ounce, in money of the United States, will be as follows:

French Crowns,	-	-	-	-	-	117 $\frac{57}{100}$
Five franc pieces,	-	-	-	-	-	116 $\frac{49}{100}$
Spanish dollars,	-	-	-	-	-	116 $\frac{36}{100}$

I have the honor to be, sir,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant.

R. PATTERSON,

The honorable WM. H. CRAWFORD,

Secretary of the Treasury.